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KANSAS CITY PRAIRIE HAY MARKET

The market for prairie hay at Kansas City remained quiet and unchanged during the week ending February 26, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Arrivals were only 2 cars, compared with 4 a week ago, but a few lots were available early in the week from the previous period. Offerings met a rather indifferent demand from all classes of buyers, but by thorough working of all possible outlets, receivers were able to obtain about steady prices for their supplies, quality considered.

Local feeding interests selected a car or two of upper grade prairie from the open market to augment their direct arrivals on contracts. Continued moderate cattle marketings at this center limited the hay requirements in feedyards. Merchandisers purchased the remaining market offerings of prairie, mostly for application on outside orders.

Truck movement of prairie hay from eastern to western Kansas continued in good volume, according to country advices, and with more favorable weather conditions and the approach of spring pasturage, it appears that forced liquidations of livestock herds will be held to a minimum. Stock water has been provided in eastern counties of Kansas by recent rains and snows, but additional precipitation will be needed to fill ponds and start creeks running regularly.

A fair local feeding demand for prairie was evident in the Platte Valley of Nebraska, but rail and truck loadings for outside points were lacking.

Sales of prairie at Kansas City for the week: No. 1, 1 car \$8, No. 2, 2 cars \$8, No. 3, 1 car \$6.50 per ton.

Current quotations, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE

No. 1	\$8.00-8.50
No. 2	7.50-8.00
No. 3	5.50-7.00
Sample	4.00-5.50

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